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About the Statehouse Christmas Tree – Tree Lighting Ceremony Thursday, November 30th

The official Idaho Capitol Christmas Tree was cut on **November 20**, from the residence of **Chris and Teresa Gunny**, 3831 North Farlight Place, Boise. The large Engelmann Spruce tree was originally planted in 1981 by previous home owners of the Gunny residence, Reg and Karalee Dobbs, to commemorate the birth of their son. The tree, which has grown through the years, is also shared on the property line of their neighbors, **Tom and Linda Coughlin**, 3785 North Farlight Place.

Adding to the excitement of the actual tree cutting was the participation of the Gunney's daughter, **Kayla** along with other fourth graders in **Mrs. Mary Koch's class** at nearby **Frontier Elementary School**. The school children collected pine cones from the tree for making ornaments.

Governor Jim Risch and First Lady Vicki Risch to Host Tree Lighting Ceremony

Idaho Governor Jim Risch and First Lady Vicki Risch are cordially inviting children of all ages to join them for the Statehouse Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which will begin at **5:30 p.m.** Thursday, November 30, on the Statehouse Front Steps.

Celebrate with the spirited carolers of Borah and Timberline High.

Reveal your Wish List or have your photo taken with Santa.

Enjoy refreshments from the Fred Meyer Bakery or warm up with Moxie Java.

Sing along with the 25th Army Band.

Taste the season with ciders from Williamson Orchards and Vineyards.

Share in community kindness with a donation to the Idaho Foodbank and Toys for Tots.

Commemorate a special occasion with the new Idaho ornament.

Experience the Chancel Bell Choir.

Feel the brilliance of 12,000 lights.